Recommendations of Group of Ministers on rural and urban housing

896. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Group of Ministers to consider various issues pertaining to rural and urban housing and come up with specific action plans especially when the housing is considered to be the main theme of developing economy;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Group; and

(c) by when these recommendations would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No formal Group of Ministers has been constituted by the Government for this purpose.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Investment under mega cities scheme

897. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleassed to state:

(a) the total investment made till March, 2001 under the mega cities scheme introduced in 1990;

(b) the total number of schemes taken up and the number completed, city-wise;

(c) how many of them are remunerative and how many are cost subsidized; and

(d) the investment of the respective States in percentage and how much loan amount will be incurred on all these scheme taken from financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):

(a) The Mega City Scheme was introduced in the year 1993-94 was applicable to the cities having population of 40 lakhs and above as per 1991 census, As on 31.3.2001 a total sum of Rs. 1641.41 crores has been incurred by the five cities namely Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

(b) A Statement-I is enclosed *(See below)*

(c) 3 categories of project namely remunerative (category A), user charge based (category B) and basic services (category C) are taken up under the Scheme. The details of such projects taken up are given in Statement-II *(See below)*

(d) A statement -III is enclosed.

Statement-I

City-wise Number of Schemes taken up and completed under Mega Cities Scheme

S.No.	Name of the City	No. of Projects taken up	No. of Projects completed
1.	Mumbai	48	20
2.	Kolkata	96	43
3.	Chennai	103	61
4.	Hyderabad	124	71
5.	Bangalore	22	4

Statement-II

Details of remunerative projects and cost subsidized projects

S.No.	Name of the City	No. of Remunerative Projects (A)	No. of User charge based Projects (B)	No. of Basic Service Projects (C)
1.	Mumbai	9	13	26
2.	Kolkata	14	60	22
3.	Chennai	21	17	65
4.	Hyderabad	78	26	20
5.	Bangalore	2	20 (includes Category B & C)	

Statement-III

Details of investment of the respective States in percentage

S.No.	Name of the City	Percentage of State Investment	Amount of FIs loan (Rupees in crore)
1.	Mumbai	28.68	167.61
2.	Kolkata	59.99	186.61
3.	Chennai	17.41	366.74
4.	Hyderabad	31.21	93.15
5.	Bangalore	24.12	114.91

Allocation of funds to Valmiki Awas Yojana

'598. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds to the Valmiki Awas Yojana cleared by Government in third week of October; and

(b) the scheme of expenditure of the fund under various aspects (i) the economic and social criteria of the beneficiaries (ii) the end use of the allocation, and (iii) monitoring the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Government has decided to launch Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) in the current year with an allocation of 100 crores. The details of the scheme will be reviewed by the Government before its inclusion in theTenth Five Year Plan;

(b) The primary objective of the scheme is to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line in urban slums with a view to achieving the goal of "Housing far all" as outlined in the National Housing & Habitat Policy and the National Agenda for Governance with a definite time frame. 20% of the allocation will be used for provision of community based toilets as a